**Summary**

Stella Greenwood is a chef in an Italian restaurant. She lives alone and has recently broken up with her boyfriend James because he was seeing other women. She has a friend called Janet who is always trying to get her to find a new boyfriend.

Stella gets a new neighbour – Tony Bryant – who seems sad. She soon finds out why: Tony is divorced from his teacher wife, Kathy, who met someone called Cameron at work and married him. The root of Tony’s problems is his and Kathy’s daughter, Daisy, whom he only gets to see sometimes at weekends.

Stella is courted by German waiter, Klaus, but soon starts a relationship with Tony. However, Kathy announces that she and Cameron are moving to Scotland, and taking Daisy with them. Tony is desperate. Stella suggests they get a lawyer (Mrs Scott) and fight the case in the Family Court. They do this, but lose – the judge rules that Kathy and Cameron have the right to take Daisy to Scotland. Tony feels even worse.

However, Stella suggests that they move to Scotland, get new jobs and then they can see Daisy regularly. And that is what they do.

**Before reading**

1. in the next building
2. a neighbour or next door neighbour
3. They are young, modern in style and appearance.
4. Tony and Stella
Next Door to Love  Margaret Johnson

Check your reading

**Chapter 1**
1. Stella and Janet. Tony. They are looking at Tony and talking about him.
2. a Janet, b Stella, c Janet, d Tony, e Tony, f Stella
3. Student’s own answers.

**Chapter 2**
1. d, a, c, e, b
2. a T, b F, c F, d T, e F, f F
3. b Tony hasn’t got a cat, Daisy has. c Stella doesn’t work in an Indian restaurant, she works in an Italian restaurant. e Cameron isn’t Daisy’s father, Tony is. f Stella doesn’t meet Kathy in town, she meets Janet.

**Chapter 3**
1. 1 c, 2 c, 3 a, 4 b, 5 d
2. a warm, b hot, c sad, d happy, e bad
3. Klaus likes Stella a lot. Stella doesn’t know if she wants to be Klaus’s girlfriend or just a friend.

**Chapter 4**
1. c, a, d, e, b
2. a on Sunday, b one evening in October, c the next evening, d the next day, e at lunch
3. a Tony – Stella, b Stella – Tony, c Stella – James, d Stella – James and a woman, e Stella – the woman with Tony (Kathy)

**Chapter 5**
1. 1 c, 2 a, 3 c, 4 a, 5 b
2. Because Kathy and Cameron are moving to Scotland and taking Daisy with them, so he won’t be able to see her.
3. She thinks they can stop them with the help of a lawyer. Tony is not so sure.

**Chapter 6**
1. a Stella and Tony went to the Family Court. b Daisy came to stay with Tony and Stella. c Stella and Tony went to live in Scotland.
2. Student’s own answer (e.g. ‘I’m sorry, Mr Bryant, but Daisy is going to live with her mother and Cameron in Scotland.’)
3. At the back on the left, Cameron and Kathy, in front of them their lawyer; at the back on the right, Tony and Stella, in front of them their lawyer, Mrs Scott; at the front with his back to us, the judge.
4. True: a, d, f

**After reading**
1. Yes, it does. Tony and Stella move to Scotland so they can see Daisy regularly.
2. Student’s own answers.
3. Page 6: Stella is looking at Tony in his garden and thinking that he looks sad. Page 10: Daisy is talking to Stella from Tony’s garden. Page 18: Tony and Stella are sitting in the pub garden drinking and talking. Page 22: Kathy and Tony are talking in the street outside his house. Page 26: Tony and Stella are talking to their lawyer, Mrs Scott. Page 30: Daisy, Tony and Stella are horse riding in Scotland.
5. Student’s own answer. (Perhaps he was a computer programmer.)
6. Student’s own answer. (Perhaps they get married and have children.)
7. Student’s own answers.
8. Student’s own answer.
9. Student’s own answers (e.g. mammal; eats grass; four legs; used by humans for work; pulls things; you can ride a horse; people race horses; people eat horse meat; horses can jump well – there are races and competitions for jumping; there are wild horses in some countries).
10. Student’s own answers.